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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON THE ASEAN-U.S. ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP  
PLAN OF ACTION

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¶1. Econ officer We delivered on June 8 reftel demarche to Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU) Directorate of North and Central American Affairs Ahimsa Sukartono of the Directorate of North and Central American Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU) on June 8, emphasizing a sense of urgency and high-level USG interest to finalize ASEAN-U.S. Enhanced Partnership Plan of Action during upcoming meetings in Seoul. We added that State would deliver a similar message to the Indonesian Ambassador in Washington later in the day. Econoff encouraged the Government of Indonesia to support the U.S. proposed language relating to three economic issues in the draft Plan of Action - standards and conformance, facilitating trade and investment flows, and IPR. Mr. Ahimsa read through the non-paper with interest and promised to pass it immediately to DEPLU staff responsible for ASEAN issues by way of the Indonesian Embassy in Seoul. but conceded that their office does not follow the POA negotiations closely. He undertook to forward the points to the office that handles ASEAN issues within DEPLU, noting our strong interest in these three points. We also explained that the Department would be delivering these points in Washington.

¶2. DEPLU Director General for ASEAN Issues Dian Triansyah Djani and Director for Dialogue Partners and Inter-regional Affairs, the Director General for ASEAN Issues, and Bagas Hapsoro, our two principle DEPLU ASEAN interlocutors, are currently, the Director for Dialogue Partners and Inter-regional Affairs, are both presently in Seoul attending an ASEAN Plus Three meetings.

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